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SUBJECT: IPU MEETING: TURKISH CONCERN RE GREEK CYPRIOT
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

1. TURKISH AMBASSADOR ESENBEL, UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM ANKARA, CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY VEST TO EXPRESS GOT OPPOSITION TO AN APPLICATION BY THE GREEK CYPRIOT HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WHICH ESENBEL SAID WOULD BE CONSIDERED BY THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING IN LISBON ON MARCH 27. THE THRUST OF ESENBEL'S DEMARCHE WAS THAT THE "GREEK CYPRIOT" PARLIAMENT WAS NOT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE WHOLE OF CYPRUS. ESENBEL SAID THAT THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE ASSEMBLY AND COMMITTEES HAD NOT ACCEPTED GREEK CYPRIOT DELEGATIONS SINCE TURKISH CYPRIOTS WERE NOT IN-
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CLUDED THEREIN. ESENBEL ASKED VEST IF THE DEPARTMENT COULD RELAY TURKISH OBJECTIONS TO THE US DELEGATION TO THE IPU MEETINGS.

2. VEST SAID WE WOULD MAKE SURE FACTS OF CYPRUS SITUATION WERE KNOWN TO US DELEGATION BUT HE POINTED OUT THAT THE DELEGATION CONSISTED OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.

3. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS FROM A CONGRESSIONAL STAFF MEMBER WHO WILL ACCOMPANY US DELEGATION TO LISBON IPU MEETING, WE EXPLAINED THAT THE USG RECOGNIZES THE GOC NOT THE

"TURKISH FEDERATED STATE OF CYPRUS" AND STRONGLY SUPPORTS NEGOTIATION BETWEEN THE TWO CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES UNDER UN AUSPICES. WE ALSO MENTIONED SOME PAST INSTANCES OF TURK CYPRIOTS BE GIVEN SPEAKING RIGHTS AT INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS BUT DID NOT MAKE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS ON SUBSTANCE OF ISSUE OF POSSIBLE IPU MEMBERSHIP FOR CYPRIOT HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. VANCE

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